

OIL AND GAS

NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA

The Northern Territory (NT) is strategically located to capitalise on significant reserves of oil and gas. In addition to the abundant gas fields offshore, it is estimated that there is more than 200 trillion cubic feet of gas contained in six onshore basins - enough gas to power Australia for the next 200 years.

MAJOR PROJECTS

In a world where energy security is becoming increasingly important, the NT is in the driver's seat to fill a global need, particularly for its neighbouring Asian region. Well known as an international oil and gas hub, the NT has multi-billion dollar projects in full swing and many more in planning or development, supported by a world-leading service and supply capability.

The Northern Territory has played host to a number of leading oil and gas conferences. These have included the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Conference in 2012 and the 2010 Australian Pipelines and Gas Association Conference and Exhibition, which is returning to Darwin in 2018 to celebrate the milestone 50th anniversary of the Association. The now annual South East Asia Australia Offshore and Onshore Conference also leverages the growing interest in the Northern Territory's oil and gas development.

The US\$37 billion **INPEX Ichthys LNG project** is in the final stages of construction. Production is anticipated to commence in 2018 and continue for 40 years. At its peak, the project is expected to produce 8.9 million tonnes of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) per year and 100,000 barrels of condensate a day (a premium by-product of gas that is added to some fuels to improve their quality), making it one of the largest oil and gas projects in the world.

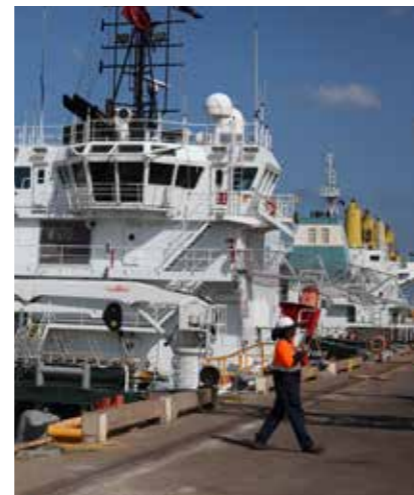
In a world first, the **ConocoPhillips-operated LNG plant** in Darwin has implemented innovative technology to make it the only LNG plant using aero-derivative gas turbines as refrigerant drivers. It is capable of producing 3.7 million tonnes of LNG per annum from the Bayu-Undan field in the Timor Sea, 500 kilometres north-west of the NT. Since it began operation

in 2006, the plant has helped establish Darwin as a global player in the world's oil and gas industry.

The southern hemisphere's first **helium production plant** and one of only 15 in the world opened in Darwin in 2010. It produces enough helium to supply the entire Australian market. Owned by BOC, the plant has additional capacity to export to international markets.

Currently under construction is the AUD \$800 million **Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline**, a 622 kilometre pipeline project running from Tennant Creek in the NT to Mount Isa in Queensland. It will connect NT gas fields with gas markets in Eastern Australia, with the first gas scheduled to flow in 2018.

The **Shell Prelude Floating Liquefied Natural Gas project**, the largest offshore floating facility ever built, is now in position 475 kilometres North-North East of Broome. It is expected to produce 3.6 million tonnes of LNG per annum and is serviced from a supply base in Darwin.



WORLD CLASS SUPPORT FACILITIES

Darwin Port: The City of Darwin sits on a natural deep-water port which is Australia's closest port to South East Asia. Its main cargo facility, the East Arm Wharf, handles container and general cargo, bulk minerals and bulk liquids (including petroleum), live cattle, and offshore oil and gas rig services. It is one of only two ports in Australia authorised to ship uranium oxide.

Marine Supply Base: The Northern Territory Government invested AUD \$110 million to establish a Marine Supply Base to service the fast-growing oil and gas industry, providing support for offshore platforms and floating LNG facilities. The base has halved the turnaround time for vessels from 24 hours to 12 hours and currently handles up to 1000 rig tenders a year.

Shell Prelude Floating Liquefied Natural Gas has located its own supply base in Darwin, where it has responsibility for the provision of ongoing maintenance and logistical support for its operations.

The North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas is a purpose-built facility at *Charles Darwin University* in Darwin. Its role is to support the education, training and research needs of oil and gas operations in the region.

Leveraging the expertise in the Northern Territory, *Prelude to the Future* is a four way partnership between *Shell Australia*, the NT Government, *Group Training NT* and *Charles Darwin University*. It delivers a programme of traineeships and apprenticeships for local people interested in pursuing a career in the oil and gas sector.



THE PLACE TO MEET

The Northern Territory's profile was significantly bolstered in the international energy resources space when the *Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA)* hosted its annual conference in Darwin in 2012 for more than 1700 delegates. The APPEA conference is the largest annual gathering of the oil and gas industry in the southern hemisphere and is considered to be among the global top three.

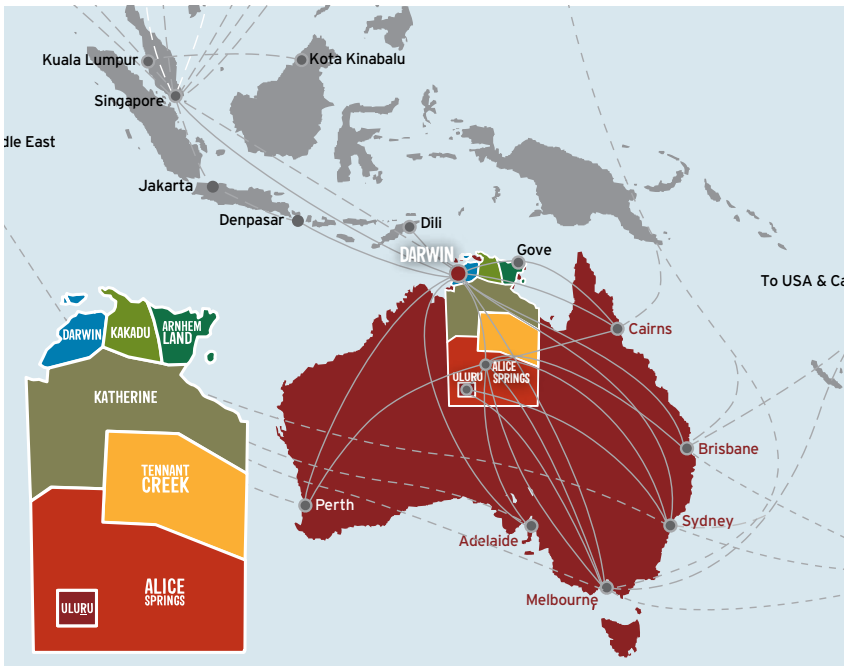
"The oil and gas industry is rating all other events against the success of APPEA in Darwin. It has set the benchmark for the industry. Hosting our event in Darwin gave us the opportunity to attract business and speakers from Asia, access truly unique venues and services, work one-on-one with key suppliers and create a real 'Taste of the Territory' experience."

Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA)

WHY MEET IN THE NT?

Australia's Northern Territory has a proven track record at boosting delegate attendance due to its strong destination appeal, as well as its direct relevance to the oil and gas sector. The destination provides a depth of local expertise from individuals and community organisations who can enhance an NT event with potential guest speakers, delegates, sponsors and exhibitors. NT not-for-profit organisations can also benefit reciprocally from socially responsible or legacy activities that Business Events can generate. There is further opportunity to facilitate connections with local experts and organisations through technical tours and off-site visits to local facilities to meet with like-minded industry colleagues.

The Northern Territory is just two hours flying time from its nearest Asian neighbour. It is accessible from all major airports throughout Australia, as well as intra-Territory flights between the key business event destinations of Darwin, Alice Springs and Uluru.



EXTRAORDINARY REGIONS

The NT has seven regions, each with distinct climates and amazingly different terrain and attractions, as well as an ancient and rich Indigenous culture. The lush and tropical "Top End" region at the northernmost tip of Australia includes the cosmopolitan harbour-front city of Darwin, plus the World Heritage-listed Kakadu, Australia's largest national park. With a natural harbour, river estuaries and a coastline more than 5,000 kilometres long, the Top End is a fishing, sailing and cruising paradise. Further south, lies the stunning desert landscape of the "Red Centre", which is home to icons such as Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and Alice Springs, the quintessential Australian outback town. Iconic activities include camel rides across the desert, dot-painting workshops and magical outback dinners under the stars.



NORTHERN TERRITORY CONVENTION BUREAU (NTCB)

The NTCB is the business events division of Tourism NT, which sits within the NT Government's Department of Tourism and Culture. The bureau's role is to market and promote the Northern Territory as a distinctive and effective business events destination. With strong local knowledge, experience and extensive links to business and government networks, the bureau provides free expert advice and assistance to business event planners. The NTCB team can assist with bid preparation, destination information and supplier liaison to deliver an inspiring and memorable NT event.

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